

Reusable News

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Recycling: Then & Now

Milpitas residents started recycling at the curb in 1991. Since then you've increased what you recycle, from mixed paper to yard trimmings, and achieved state mandated reduction goals: 25% in 1996 (1995 was the target year, and the start of yard trims recycling put us over the top!), and 50% in 2000.

We achieved a 54% disposal reduction rate in 2003. This is based upon the amount of waste landfilled in 1991. Keep up the good work!

We deserve a pat on the back, and now it's important to look forward at what we can do to **REDUCE** what we use and **REUSE** what we can before we recycle.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Buy Recycled

Not just words from the last century, but reminders that can guide us through the 21st Century. Consider this: Every man, woman, and child in the U.S throws away 4.6 pounds of waste every day. That's 230 million tons each year!

Recycling won't pay the garbage bill, but simple decisions you make on a daily basis will keep disposal costs from going through the roof. In fact, most things you can do are simple changes that amount to big (waste!) savings.

Click here for ideas. Try them for a few weeks. Apply them for life. Small behavior changes over a lifetime do make a difference.

Single Stream: What It Means

No more sorting, carrying, and stacking for starters! Single stream "streamlines" your curbside recycling program. It accepts everything you recycled with the green tubs in one wheeled cart.

Place cart on the street, wheels against the curb, on your regular collection day beginning the week of March 13, 2006. Please do not set out the cart before this week and do not set out the green tubs with recyclables starting this week.

Go Ahead – Mix It Up!


Mixed materials are taken to Allied Waste Services' Recyclery at the Newby Island Landfill. This is a materials recovery facility (MRF) where loads from both residents and businesses are sorted, bundled and prepared for re-manufacturing.

The Recyclery currently diverts nearly 93% of the material it receives. Material that cannot be recycled is taken to the landfill. By recycling the accepted materials listed here, you are taking action to keep recyclables out of the landfill.

Start Using Your Cart!

The Week of March 13, 2006

Your recycling cart accepts:

- Plastic containers labeled  (please, no black plastic!)
- Aluminum & metal beverage/food cans
- Glass bottles & jars
- Mixed paper & newspaper
- Flattened cardboard & paperboard (such as cereal boxes)

Recycle motor oil at the curb using approved jugs available at Milpitas fire stations.

Solid Waste Rates	With Yard Trims Recycling	Without Yard Trims Recycling Townhomes Only
Effective 1/01/06	\$49.46	\$38.38
Effective 1/01/07	\$51.94	\$40.74



Curbside recycling separation process at Allied Waste Services' materials recovery facility (MRF), "The Recyclery."

